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1. ANNOUNCER: It's a special event for the Forest Rangers today, folks.  
 2. Today's program marks the beginning of the tenth year  
 3. of Uncle Sam's Forest Rangers on the air. But we'll have  
 4. more to say about that at the end of the program. Right  
 5. now, let's hurry along and join our friends on the Pine  
 6. Cone National Forest. As we look in at the Ranger Station  
 7. we find Ranger Jim Robbins, his wife Bess, his assistant,  
 8. Jerry Quick, and Mary Halloway, local school teacher  
 9. and Jerry's sweetheart, sitting in front of the fireplace.  
 10. They're talking about New Year's Eve, now three nights  
 11. past. Here they are:  
 12. MARY: I don't believe I have ever had a happier New Year's Eve,  
 13. Mrs. Robbins, than right here in this room the other  
 14. night. It was a lovely party.  
 15. BESS: Well, Mary, I know Jim certainly enjoyed himself. (LAUGHS)  
 16. Especially when Jerry did that apple-ducking and got wet  
 17. to the skin.  
 18. JERRY: Aw, why bring that up, Mrs. Robbins? I still think  
 19. somebody pushed me ... You wouldn't know anything about  
 20. that, huh Jim? ... Say, you asleep, Jim?  
 21. BESS: Now Jim Robbins, that's not a bit nice, going to sleep  
 22. in your chair like that.  
 23. JIM: (SLEEPILY) Huh? ... I wasn't sleeping, Bess. Just sitting  
 24. here with my eyes closed ... thinking. I heard Mary say  
 25. she had a good time ...

ALL LAUGH





1. JERRY: What were you thinking about, Jim? Goin' to bed?  
2. MARY: Now Jerry, you hush.  
3. JIM: No, I was just sorta thinking ... here's another new year .  
4. ... 1941 ... just starting out like a young babe ... like  
5. the baby New Year the cartoonists always picture this time  
6. of year in the papers.  
7. MARY: Oh, wouldn't it have been nice if we could have had that  
8. little baby New Year with us the other night?  
9. ALL LAUGH  
10. BESS: Whatever put that idea in your head, Mary?  
11. MARY: Why, we usually have Santa Clause around on Christmas Eve,  
12. don't we? Well, why not Baby New Year on New Year's Eve?  
13. JIM: Sure, Mary. The little fellow might have told us what's  
14. ahead for us this year.  
15. JERRY: Say, I bet I could do as well prophesying about the coming  
16. year as any half-baked infant could.  
17. MARY: All right, Jerry. If you're so smart suppose you do just  
18. that. Tell us what's ahead for all of us this year.  
19. BESS: Yes, do, Jerry ... And Jim, please try to stay awake. Why,  
20. your eyes are closing already.  
21. JIM: (MUMBLING) No, go ahead, Jerry .... I'm listening.  
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1. JERRY: Well ... let me see now. I'll just use this big red apple  
2. as my crystal ball ... M-m-m-m-m. Yes, there's the Pine  
3. Cone National Forest spread out before me. Everything  
4. points to 1941 being a great year. I see a lot more  
5. timber-improvement sales ahead. An' there's our roads ...  
6. all finished. Let's see, now ... oh, yes ... there'll be  
7. another ski run up at Blue Lake Recreation Area before  
8. Christmas rolls 'round again, an' ... well ... here's  
9. the best forecast yet. Nobody's going to start any forest  
10. fires this year ... and we're going to have a lot of fine  
11. new equipment to fight fires if they do. There, how  
12. does that sound so far, Jim? (LIGHT SNORING) Hey, Jim's  
13. fallen asleep again ....

14. MARY: He's sound asleep.

15. BESS: Oh, Jim!

16. JERRY: (CHUCKLING) Let him sleep, Mrs. Robbins. Jim's had a  
17. tough day an' he rates a nap. (FADE) Let him sleep.

18. SNORING UP, PAUSE, FADE IN SOUND OF KNOCKING, REPEAT KNOCKING AS SNORING  
19. FADES

20. (IN THE FOLLOWING KEEP SLIGHTLY OFF MIKE, ALL BUT JIM)

21. JIM: Huh? What's that? ... Say, are you all asleep? Answer  
22. the door, Jerry. Somebody's outside, knocking.

23. JERRY: I'm goin', Jim.

24. SOUND OF DOOR OPENING

25. ALL BUT JIM AD LIB EXCLAMATIONS OF SURPRISE



1. MARY: Well, of all things! It's a little baby ... Baby New Year!

2. BESS: Jim, can you see him from where you're sitting? He's the

3. cutest little fellow I've ever seen. Just look at that

4. red scarf and those green mittens ...

5. MARY: And what's that on his ears? Why, it's a pair of yellow

6. earmuffs. Oh, isn't he darling?

7. JERRY: Darling, my eye. Those three-cornered white pants don't

8. fool me. What about that black derby he's wearing? If

9. he's Baby New Year, I'm the Sultan of Kinkapoo.

10. BNY: (CHILD'S VOICE: HARDBOILED THROUGHOUT) Well, if you're

11. all through gaping at me, how about asking me in? It's

12. cold out here.

13. BESS: Of course. You must excuse, us Baby New Year. We've been

14. very rude. It's just that we were so surprised. Come in,

15. please do come right on in.

16. SOUND OF DOOR CLOSING

17. JIM: (PUZZLED) There's just one thing I don't understand. This

18. isn't New Year's Eve. What're you doing here tonight?

19. BNY: You must be dreaming, Ranger Jim. This is New Year's Eve.

20. An' I'm on my way around the world of course.

21. JIM: (MUTTERING) Dreaming, huh?

22. MARY: I always thought Baby New Year was a sweet little fellow,

23. from his pictures. I never expected ...

24. JERRY: Yeah, you're sure a tough little guy for a new-born infant,

25. (SARCASTIC) Baby New Year.





1. BNY: I've gotta be tough. It's a tough year ahead, folks ...  
2. An' don't call me Baby New Year. I'm Mister New Year to  
3. you.  
4. JERRY: O.K., O.K. No need to get sore about it.  
5. BNY: And besides, I didn't stop here on my way around the earth  
6. just to have my appearance and personality discussed. I  
7. dropped in for a chat with Ranger Jim, here.  
8. BESS: Why of course. Won't you take some of your things off?  
9. It's warm in here.  
10. BNY: Yes, thanks. I'll just shed this derby, my earmuffs, and  
11. this scarf and my mittnes ... There ...  
12. BESS: Let him have your chair, Jerry. It's nearest the fire.  
13. JERRY: Say, what do you think I ...  
14. BNY: Move, big boy, move ... Ah, this is much better ... Well,  
15. Ranger Jim, you're probably wondering what I've got to talk  
16. to you about.  
17. JIM: Yeah, Mister New Year, I am sorta curious about your visit.  
18. BNY: Well, I've been noticing America's forests on this trip of  
19. mine around the world.  
20. JIM: They're not a patch compared to the forests we had fifty  
21. years ago but I don't suppose you'd know about that ...  
22. why ...  
23. BNY: Yes, I know all about that. An' the forests fifty years  
24. ago weren't a patch, as you say, to those of a hundred  
25. years ago either.





1. JERRY: How would you know anything about that?

2. BNY: As I was about to say, Ranger Jim, I had quite a session

3. with old 1841 ... he's my 99th removed great grandfather,

4. you know ... well, I had quite a session with the old boy

5. before I started this trip.

6. MARY: You mean you get together with all the years that have

7. passed before you take over as the New Year?

8. BNY: That's right, Mary ... And by the way, you don't mind if

9. I call you Mary, do you, Miss Halloway?

10. JERRY: Say, you don't need to get so fresh .....

11. BNY: As I was saying, Ranger Jim, old 1841 told me pretty well

12. about how things were back then and of course I've seen for

13. myself how they are now. I'm talking about the forests,

14. mind you.

15. JIM: Yeah, but don't forget there's been a lot of progress in

16. America since 1841. This country's grown up since then,

17. New Year, and naturally the forests played a big part in

18. the nation's progress. I'll grant we were pretty rough

19. on them but we're trying to make up for it now.

20. BNY: Seems to me a lot of work is needed here. Your forest

21. lands are a good ways from full production. You know,

22. yourself Ranger Jim, we want our forests to be more than

23. just a few clump of scrubby trees.

24. JIM: I know. A forest ought to give a full share of service to

25. wildlife, and recreation, and protection of watersheds, as

well as providing timber and other forest products.



1. BNY: Yes, and a forest isn't worth much unless it furnishes  
2. products and services to the people, and keeps on furnishing  
3. them.  
4. JIM: You've got a good head for such a young fella, New Year.  
5. JERRY: I bet he's been reading some of our Forest Service  
6. bulletins. Smart little fellow, ain't he?  
7. BNY: As I was saying, Ranger Jim, I couldn't help noticing that  
8. a whole lot of forests are pretty well worn out, producing  
9. very little if anything at all. And there's a big batch  
10. of cut-over and empty lands that could well be put back in  
11. forests, too. You take the Lake States and some parts of  
12. the South ... why ...  
13. JIM: Yes, I know, New Year. But remember I'm only one of  
14. thousands of foresters and other men interested in  
15. conservation and our forest problem. Along with lots of  
16. other folks they realize these things too. And we're  
17. trying to do something about it. Surely, you know that.  
18. BNY: The trouble, in my opinion, is this, Ranger Jim. America's  
19. been mighty slow about correcting conditions, forest  
20. conditions. Here's what I have in mind. I'd like you to  
21. spread the word that I want a good part of my year  
22. dedicated to a real building up of your forest resources.  
23. It seems to me the need for such an effort is very urgent  
24. right now.  
25. JERRY: What's he getting at, Jim?





1. JIM: Well, as I see it, Jerry, New Year has already come from the  
2. East where wars are raging. He's seen forests being wiped out  
3. in such countries to keep the war machines running. He knows  
4. about our own defense preparations and realizes that we're  
5. already using a great amount of timber and other forest  
6. products, and that ....

7. BESS: Jim, I've got an idea that Baby New Year is looking ahead even  
8. beyond the wars going on today and even beyond our defense  
9. preparations ... He wants us to make our forests a permanent  
10. resource.

11. MARY: What do you mean, Mrs. Robbins?

12. BESS: After times like these, Mary, there is always a period of  
13. recovery. American will need her forests along with all her  
14. natural resources to help build up what has been destroyed  
15. by the time this awful trouble is all over. I just hope that  
16. it will be over this year.

17. JERRY: Right you are, Mrs. Robbins.

18. BENY: I wish that I could assure you that the trouble, as you call  
19. it, will be all over during this year, Mrs. Robbins. I can't  
20. tell, however, not right now. But I'm hoping ... Gosh, look  
21. at that clock ... I've got to rush along.

22. JIM: I'm mighty glad you dropped in this way, New Year. I'll do all  
23. I can to spread your message.  
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1. BNY: Good, Ranger Jim. YOU've worked in and with the forests for  
2. a long time and for nine years you've been telling a lot of  
3. folks in America about their forests over the radio. I think  
4. you've helped many of them appreciate what their forests are  
5. and how they contribute to their happiness and every-day life.  
6. JIM: Thanks, New Year.  
7. BNY: And now, good luck to you for your tenth year on the air. Keep  
8. up the good work. Remember, 1941 's with you .... I've really  
9. got to go now. I see a happy year ahead for you, Ranger Jim,  
10. and for you Bess Robbins, and for you Mary. Well ... Happy  
11. New Year to you!  
12. JERRY: Say, what about me, New Year?  
13. BNY: That'll depend, Jerry. Seems to me you're a little too cocky  
14. now and then, young fellow. You've still got a lot to learn ..  
15. And say, how long you think a fine girl like Mary here is going  
16. to wait for you? Wake up, Jerry, (FADE) Wake up, son, Wake  
17. up. Wake up.  
18. PAUSE:  
19. BESS: (FADE IN) Wake up. Wake up, Jim. Wake up. Wake up.  
20. JIM: Huh? What? ... Oh! ... Where's everybody, Bess? Wheres  
21. Baby New Year?  
22. BESS: (LAUGHING) Baby New Year? What are you talking about? ....  
23. Jerry and Mary have already left, Jim. Jerry's taking her  
24. home. You've been asleep a long time.  
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1. JIM: Huh? Guess I was asleep ... Say, Bess, I sure had a funny  
2. dream ... (CHUCKLES) You should have seen that little fellow  
3. with his red scarf, an' his green mittens, and that black  
4. derby (FADE) perched on the side of his head.

5. MUSICAL INTERLUDE

6. ANNOUNCER: And so ends the first program of this tenth year on the air  
7. for Uncle Sam's Forest Rangers. Since this is such a notable  
8. occasion we're bringing the folks of the Pine Cone National  
9. Forest up to the microphone now for a word of greeting. We  
10. thought it would be nice to get a personal expression on this  
11. occasion from Ranger Jim and Bess Robbins, and from Jerry and  
12. Mary. All right now, here we are and ... you're first, Ranger  
13. Jim.

14. JIM: Thanks, Everett. Folks, I hope that we have been able, during  
15. the past nine years, to give you some idea of the work that  
16. goes on in your forests, the National Forests. I hope that  
17. you've been helped to better understand what your forests are  
18. and what they mean to you. Finally, I hope that you'll visit  
19. some of your National Forests first chance you get this year.  
20. You'll find that your forest rangers, old timers or young ones,  
21. are pretty much the same wherever they are and that they're  
22. always mighty glad to see you. All right, Jerry, it's your  
23. turn.

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1. JERRY: Thanks, Jim. There's little I can add to what Jim has already  
2. told you, except this one thing. In Jim's dream, remember  
3. what Mrs. Robbins had to say about the need for maintaining  
4. our forests when this war business is over and the  
5. reconstruction period comes along? That's something we  
6. Americans ought to keep thinking about. I know I will, out  
7. on the Pine Cone National Forest. And now, Mary, it's your  
8. turn.

9. MARY: Thank you, Jerry. Being a school teacher I'd like to say  
10. something to all those people in our radio audience who are in  
11. any way concerned with the education and welfare of children.  
12. It seems to me that we should overlook no opportunity to make  
13. children nature-conscious and conservation-minded. We all  
14. live in a land blessed with a glorious heritage in the form of  
15. natural resources. I think that children should be taught to  
16. appreciate them and to protect them. I hope that our program  
17. helps in this. And now, I'm very happy to turn the microphone  
18. over to Mrs. Robbins.

19. JIM: You tell them, Bees.

20. JERRY: Yes, you can tell them better than we can, Mrs. Robbins.  
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1. BESS: (LAUGHING) All right, Jerry. (SERIOUS) Friends, my few  
2. words are intended as a sincere expression from all of us,  
3. Jim and Jerry, Mary and myself. We want you all to know that  
4. your letters through the years have been a delightful  
5. contribution to the pleasure we have had in bringing Uncle  
6. Sam's Forest Rangers to you and that we hope you will keep  
7. right on writing them. We want to thank you for your interest  
8. in our program and for your fine loyalty. And now, even  
9. though I am a few days late in this greeting, I want to echo  
10. Baby New Year's remarks and say, "Happy New Year to all of  
11. you."

12. ANNOUNCER: Thank you, Mrs. Robbins. ... This program, Uncle Sam's Forest  
13. Rangers, comes to you each Friday over the National Farm and  
14. Home Hour as a presentation of the National Broadcasting  
15. Company with the cooperation of the United States Forest  
16. Service.

21. RGM - 11:45 AM

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